GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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Gaps in Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the increase in number of children suffering from sexual abuse and assault;
(b) if so, the remedial measures taken by the Government to address the gaps in the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012(POCSO);
(c) whether the Government is yet to implement the recommendations of any Committee constituted to study the legislative and policy issues concerning child welfare, development and protection in the country; and
(d) if so, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government on the implementation of the recommendations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a) As per 'Crime in India' published by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), the details of sexual abuse and assault cases against children under the POCSO Act, 2012 are as under:

Year	Cases reported
2014-15	8,904
2015-16	14,913

(b) Apart from creating awareness about the effective implementation of POCSO Act through consultation, workshop, seminar, media etc. Recently, POCSO e-box was launched on 26.08.2016 for online reporting of child sexual abuse.

(c) to (d) No such committee has been constituted by Ministry of Women and Child Development.

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